LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

STEININGER DONALD B

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

[LKFN]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

6914 WOODCROFT

10/26/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 7. Title and Amount of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Underlying Securities** Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code of any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day	//Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.25					06/12/2006	06/12/2011	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.37					12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	252.5
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	1
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	252.5
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	1
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	3
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	281
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	4
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	10/26/2004		A	5	10/26/2004(2)	10/26/2014(3)	Common Stock	5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STEININGER DONALD B						
6914 WOODCROFT	X					
FORT WAYNE, IN 46804						

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Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact

10/26/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (2) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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